

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2000-860

December 28, 2000

FRYEBURG WATER COMPANY  
Proposed Rate Change

ORDER

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WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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## **SUMMARY OF ORDER**

We approve the Fryeburg Water Company's (Company) rate sheets filed on October 16, 2000. These rates result in a \$47,599 or 20.22% increase over 1999 actual revenues of \$235,389.

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 16, 2000, the Fryeburg Water Company filed with the Commission its request to increase water rates on January 1, 2001. The request was to increase rates by \$47,599 or 20.22% over 1999 actual revenues. The Company mailed the required notice to each of its customers. The rate increase is necessary as a result of increased operating expenses.

On November 2, 2000, the Commission Advisory Staff issued Bench Data Request No. 1. The Company responded on November 20, 2000. The Advisory Staff held an informal conference with representatives of the Public Advocate (OPA) and the Company on December 1, 2000. In a letter filed December 18, 2000, the Public Advocate did not object to the approval, by the Commission, of the proposed rates as filed.

## **DECISION**

We have reviewed the District's original filing and its responses to the data request. We find that the rates proposed by Fryeburg Water Company reasonably provide the revenue necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and continue to operate the water system.

Accordingly, we

**O R D E R**

1. That the Fryeburg Water Company Schedule of Rates, consisting of Pages 1 through 3, all Second Revision, filed on October 16, 2000 is approved to become effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2001.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

**COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:**

Welch  
Nugent  
Diamond

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